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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:	Rodriguez, et al.	§	Before the Examiner:
		§	Jennine M. Brown
Serial No.:	10/758,726	§	
		§	Group Art Unit: 1755
Filed:	January 16, 2004	§	
		§	Attorney Docket No.: 2004B005
For:	Hydrophobization and	§	
	Silica For Supported	§	Customer No.: 23455
	Catalyst	§	
		§	Date: October 19, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006. Please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

**The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.**